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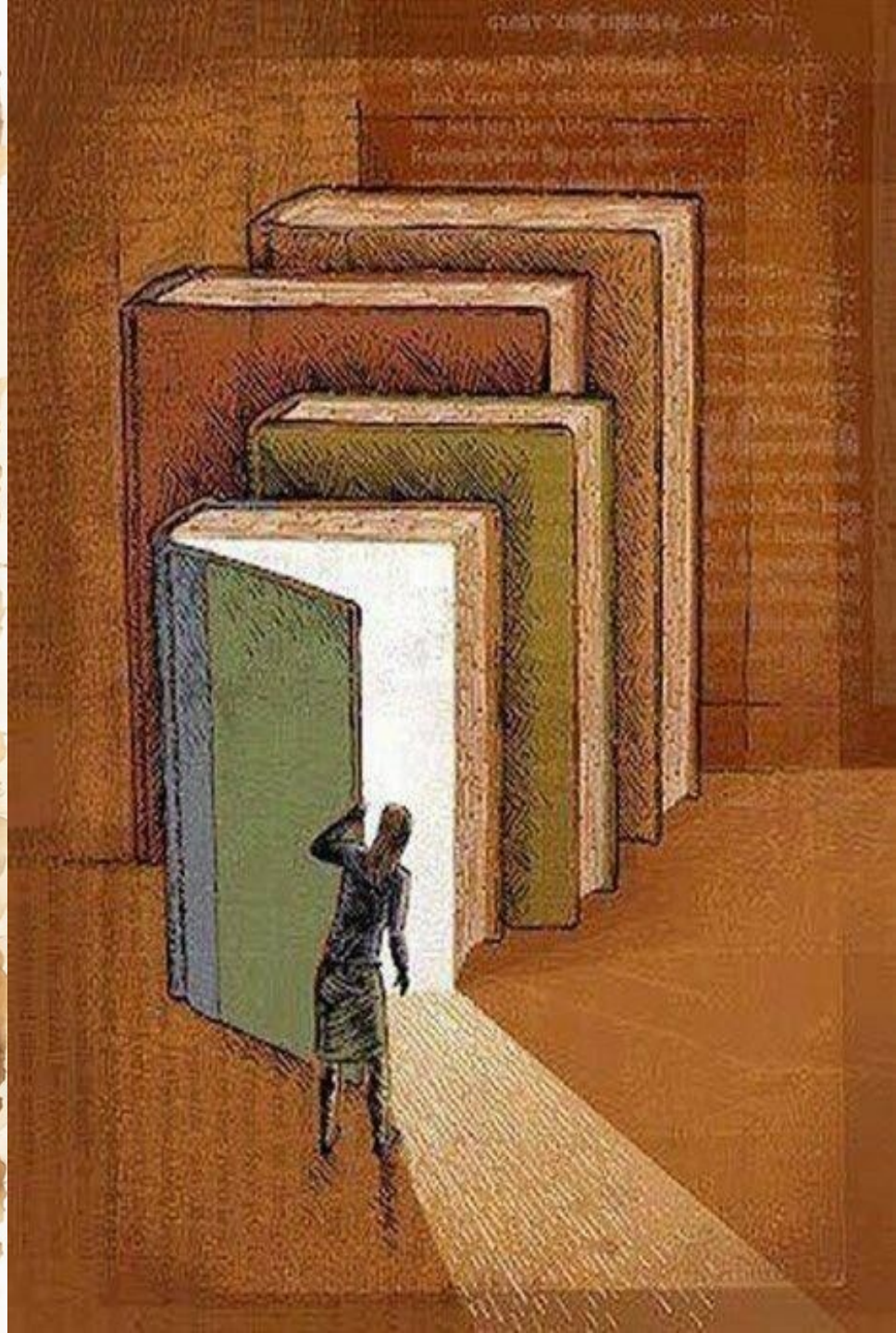

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THE BACKGROUND

Introduction 1

It is a scary thing: No one feels secure from hypocrisy except a hypocrite and no one is afraid of hypocrisy except a sincere believer.

May Allah (SWT) make us all sincere, and keep us vigilant about this sneaky disease that can enter into our system from anywhere.

Allah describes the scary criticism of the hypocrites in these ayat and it begins with those who tried to impress the Prophet, peace be upon him, and impose on him how sincerely and genuinely they believed.

Faith is something that is in the heart. You don’t have to proclaim it and talk to people about how strongly you believe.

That is actually in itself an indication of a guilty conscience.

{When the hypocrites come to you, [O Muhammad], they say, “We testify that you are the Messenger of Allah.” And Allah knows that you are His Messenger, and Allah testifies that the hypocrites are liars.} (63:1)

Fake Testimony
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Why does Allah testify that hypocrites are lying, if they testified that you are the Messenger of Allah?

It is not the fact that the Prophet is the Messenger of Allah is not what's not a lie.

But it's the fact that they are testifying...

Their testimony is a lie.

Allah says that their testimony is fake.

It is not a representation of what you have in your hearts.

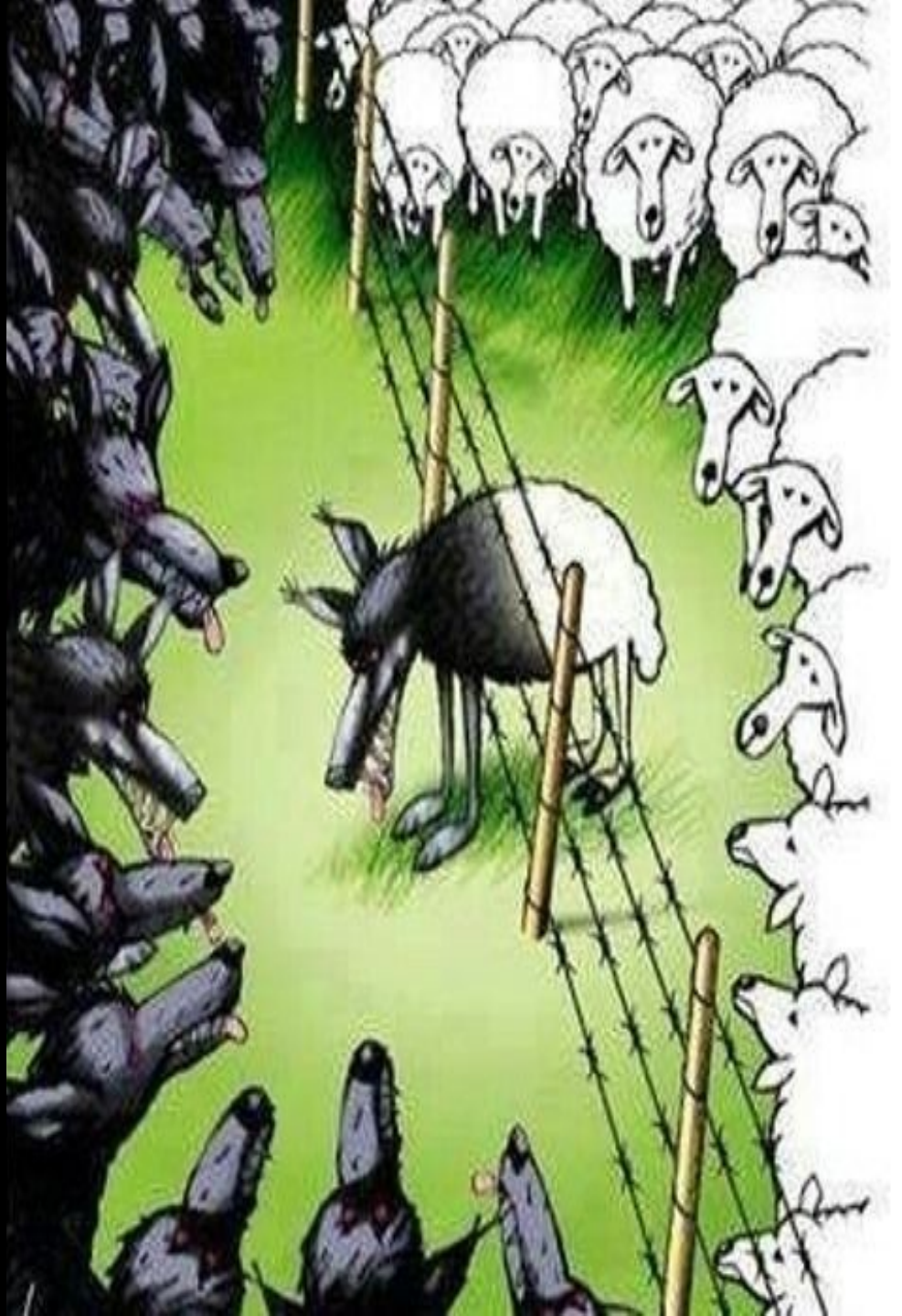
{They have taken their oaths as a cover, so they averted [people] from the way of Allah. Indeed, it was evil that they were doing.} (63:2)

They've taken their oaths as a shield, and they've used this oath as a shield, in other words now Muslims can't say anything to them because they are fellow Muslims.

This is the phraseology used in the Qur'an for disbelievers.

Now Allah uses it for hypocrites.

He uses it for people who are Muslims and use their Islam as a means by which they can destroy Islam from within it, and hurt the community from within, and hurt fellow believers from within.



What a horrible decision they've made. What a horrible behavior (Indeed, it was evil that they were doing)

How Did They Get There?

Then Allah describe how did they get there …

Really scary ayah:

{That is because they believed, and then they disbelieved; so their hearts were sealed over, and they do not understand.} (63:3)

They look like Muslims …
They act like Muslims …

But to Allah their hearts
have already disbelieved.

They’ve already walked
away from this faith.

They’ve let it deteriorate.

And that’s not something
that anybody can decide
from the outside, as it is
only known from the inside.

So this first passage is an overview. These people are not in the inside what they are on the outside.

As far as Allah is concerned, He will raise them as disbelievers on Judgment Day, may Allah not make us from them.

By the way, hypocrites are described with more intense punishment in the Qur’an than disbelievers.

They are in the lowest pit of the Hell Fire…

May Allah protect us from hypocrisy.

Instructions to the Prophet 1

Allah says you will see on the outside that there are a lot more people, and you just get impressed. You shouldn’t be:

{And when you see them, their forms please you, and if they speak, you listen to their speech. [They are] as if they were pieces of wood propped up – they think that every shout is against them. They are the enemy, so beware of them. May Allah destroy them; how are they deluded?} (63:4)

THE STORY OF REVEALING THE SURAH 2

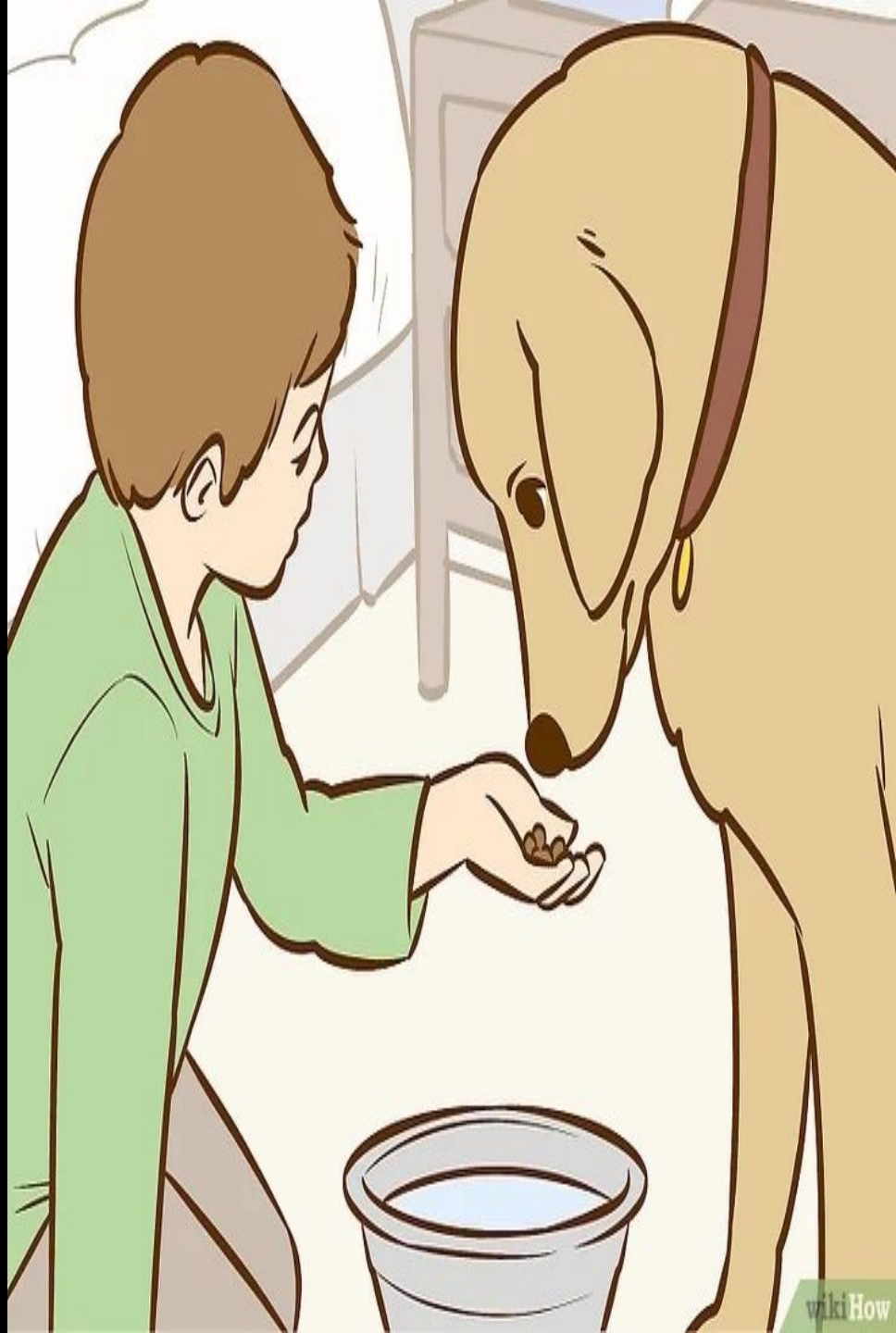
This Surah was revealed to the Prophet SAW in Madinah, so it’s a Madani Surah, a few years after the Prophet SAW had already migrated and was living in the city of Madinah for a few years, and a few battles have already taken place between the Muslims and Quraish. One of those battles is the battle of Uhud. In the battle of Uhud the Muslims suffered some heavy losses. Because of those losses some Arab tribes near Madinah they thought this is a good opportunity, the Muslims are injured right now, if we attack them we can make easy money.

these are the Muhajroon and the Ansar and they are all in one line at this well and it just happens that one of the Muahajroon, one of the people of Makkah, his name is Jah Jah, he is the servant of Umar RAN, he is in line and he gets into a little argument with another member of Khazraj, Sinan ibn Wabar. So this Sinan fellow with this Jah Jah fellow start arguing with each other, fighting with eachother other and Jah Jah basically kicks him. He kicks him hard.

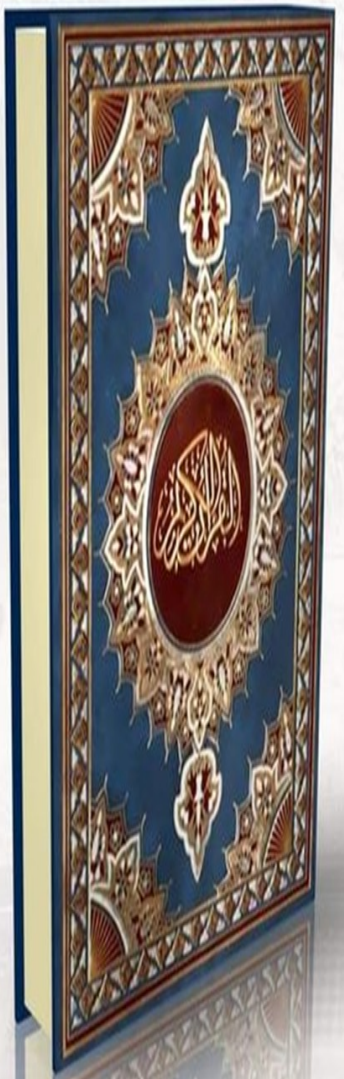
And when this happened the Ansari, the sahabi from Madinah got very upset, and he said “you from Makkah get to do this to me, you can’t do this to me.” And so he cried out, he said Ya Ma’sharal Ansar, o people of Madinah come, look at what this guy did to me. And the other guy Jah Jah said, wait you gonna gang up against me, I got my gang too, so he goes “Ya ahlal

When this fight broke out, the Prophet SAW basically gave the advice to defuse the situation, but there was another person on the other side, Abdullah ibn Ubai ibn Salul, the head of the munafiqin, calls them: look at what you did to yourself, these people of Makkah, these immigrants, they take our jobs, they take our money, they take our homes, we provide them everything and look at how they treat us.

You know what they remind me of, kama qalal kawwal, sammin kalbak ya’kuluk, he gives this speech, he says they remind me of the old Arab saying when you give your dog until the dog gets fat and it bites you. He called the Muhajiroon dogs.



In his speech, in his camp he did this. And his doing this to capitilise to build this emotion of the Ansar against the Muhajirin, and he swears he says “you know guys the moment we go back to Madinah, la yukhirijannal-a’athu minhal athal” We the most dignified should get rid of these humiliated people, watch, stop spending on them. He swears to God, he says if you just stop giving these people charity, watch them disappear and they’ll live on welfare somewhere else.



THE AYAT IN DETAILS 3

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

إِذَا جَآءَكَ ٱلْمُنَٰفِقُونَ قَالُوا۟ نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ ٱللَّهِ ۘ وَٱللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ
لَرَسُولُهُۥ وَٱللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ ٱلْمُنَٰفِقِينَ لَكَٰذِبُونَ ﴿١﴾ ٱتَّخَذُوٓا۟

When the hypocrites come to you □O Prophet□, they say, “We bear witness that you are certainly the Messenger of Allah”—and surely Allah knows that you are His Messenger—but Allah bears witness that the hypocrites are truly liars.

لَرَسُولُهُۥ وَٱللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ ٱلْمُنَٰفِقِينَ لَكَٰذِبُونَ ﴿١﴾ ٱتَّخَذُوٓا۟
أَيْمَٰنَهُمْ جُنَّةً فَصَدُّوا۟ عَن سَبِيلِ ٱللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّهُمْ سَآءَ مَا كَانُوا۟
يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢﴾ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ءَامَنُوا۟ ثُمَّ كَفَرُوا۟ فَطُبِعَ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ

They have made their false oaths as a shield, hindering others from the Way of Allah. Evil indeed is what they do!

يَعۡمَلُونَ ﴿٢﴾ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمۡ ءَامَنُواْ ثُمَّ كَفَرُواْ فَطُبِعَ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمۡ فَهُمۡ
لَا يَفۡقَهُونَ ﴿٣﴾ وَإِذَا رَأَيۡتَهُمۡ تُعۡجِبُكَ أَجۡسَامُهُمۡ وَإِن يَقُولُواْ

This is because they believed and then abandoned faith. Therefore, their hearts have been sealed, so they do not comprehend.

لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٣﴾ وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَهُمْ تُعْجِبُكَ أَجْسَامُهُمْ ۖ وَإِن يَقُولُوا
تَسْمَعْ لِقَوْلِهِمْ ۖ كَأَنَّهُمْ خُشُبٌ مُّسَنَّدَةٌ ۖ يَحْسَبُونَ كُلَّ صَيْحَةٍ
عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ هُمُ الْعَدُوُّ فَاحْذَرْهُمْ ۚ قَاتَلَهُمُ اللَّهُ ۖ أَنَّىٰ يُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٤﴾

When you see them, their appearance impresses you. And when they speak, you listen to their impressive speech. But they are just like worthless planks of wood leaned against a wall. They think every cry is against them. They are the enemy, so beware of them. May Allah condemn them! How can they be deluded from the truth?

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا يَسْتَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ لَوَّوْا رُءُوسَهُمْ
وَرَأَيْتَهُمْ يَصُدُّونَ وَهُم مُّسْتَكْبِرُونَ ۝٥ سَوَآءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ

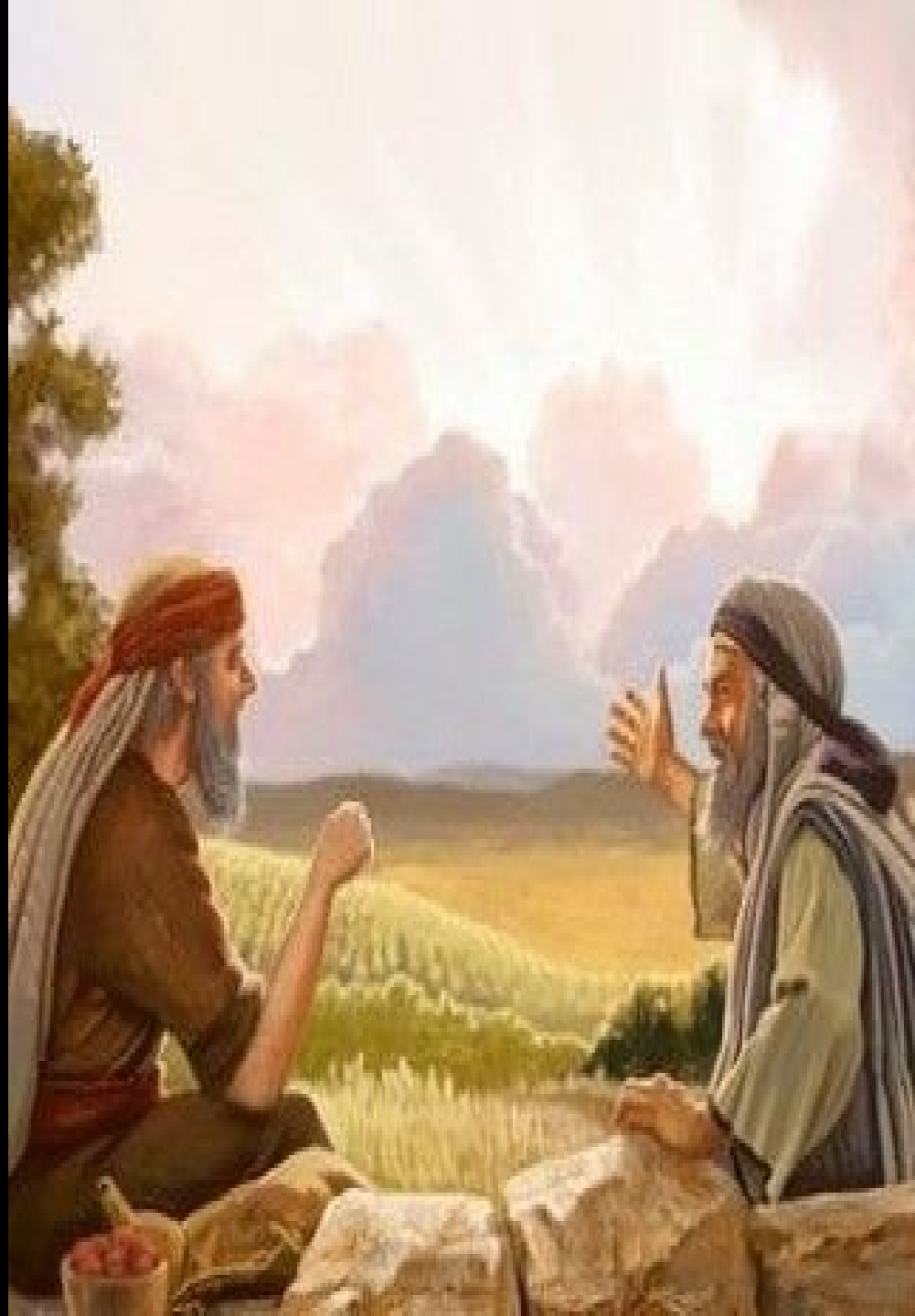
When it is said to them, “Come! The Messenger of Allah will pray for you to be forgiven,” they turn their heads [in disgust], and you see them [O Prophet] turn

وَرَأَيْتَهُمْ يَصُدُّونَ وَهُم مُّسْتَكْبِرُونَ ۝٥ سَوَآءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ
أَسْتَغْفَرْتَ لَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ لَن يَغْفِرَ ٱللَّهُ لَهُمْ
إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِى ٱلْقَوْمَ ٱلْفَٰسِقِينَ ۝٦ هُمُ ٱلَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ

It is the same whether you pray for their forgiveness or not, Allah will not forgive them. Surely Allah does not guide the rebellious people.

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ لَا يَهۡدِي ٱلۡقَوۡمَ ٱلۡفَٰسِقِينَ ٦ هُمُ ٱلَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ
لَا تُنفِقُواْ عَلَىٰ مَنۡ عِندَ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ حَتَّىٰ يَنفَضُّواْۗ وَلِلَّهِ
خَزَآئِنُ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلۡأَرۡضِ وَلَٰكِنَّ ٱلۡمُنَٰفِقِينَ لَا يَفۡقَهُونَ
٧ يَقُولُونَ لَئِن رَّجَعۡنَآ إِلَى ٱلۡمَدِينَةِ لَيُخۡرِجَنَّ ٱلۡأَعَزُّ

They are the ones who say [to one another], “Do not spend [anything] on those [emigrants] with the Messenger of Allah so that they will break away [from him].” But to Allah [alone] belong the treasuries of the heavens and the earth, yet the hypocrites do not comprehend.

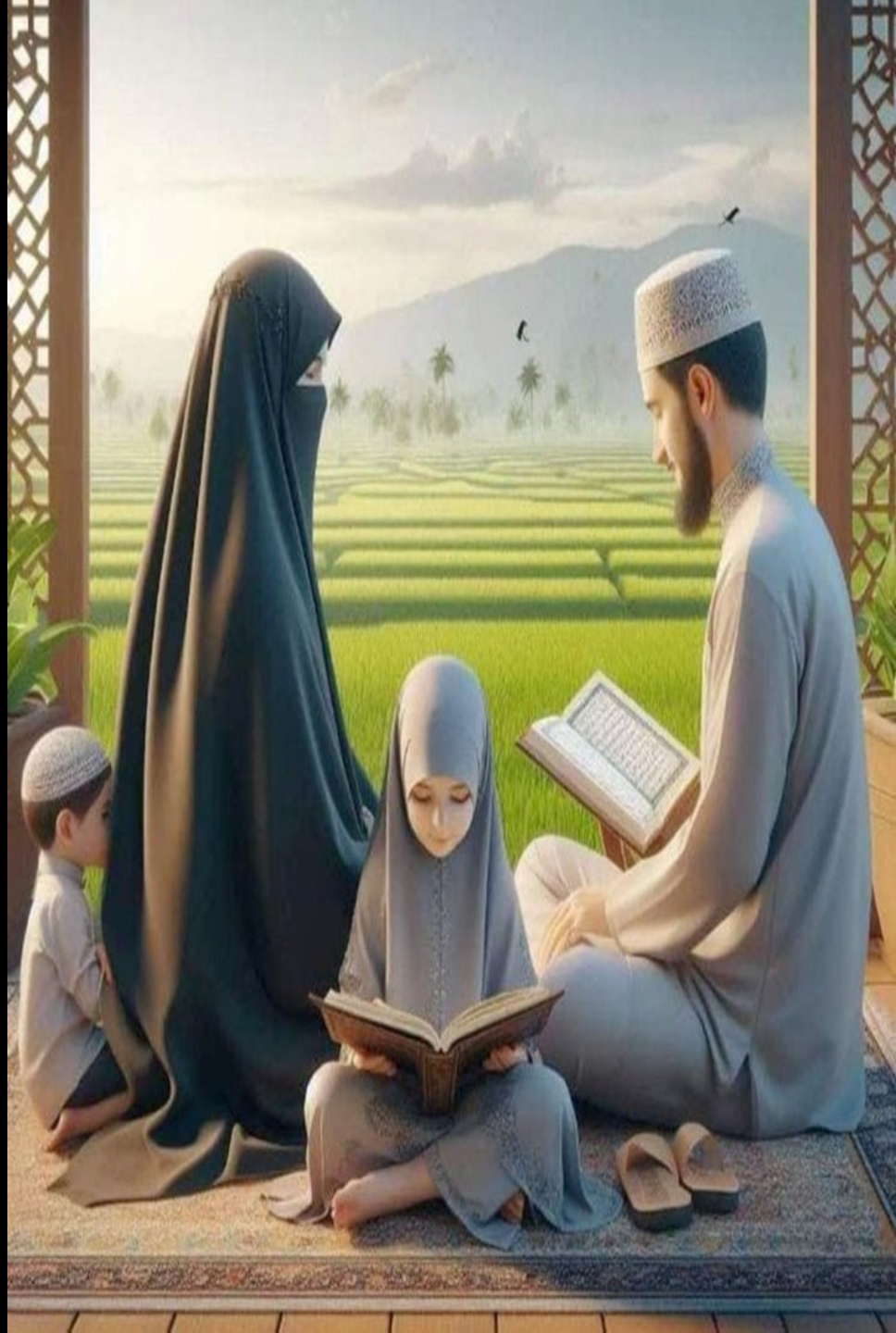


يَقُولُونَ لَئِن رَّجَعْنَآ إِلَى ٱلْمَدِينَةِ لَيُخْرِجَنَّ ٱلْأَعَزُّ ٧
مِنْهَا ٱلْأَذَلَّ ۚ وَلِلَّهِ ٱلْعِزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِۦ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَٰكِنَّ
ٱلْمُنَٰفِقِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ٨ يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ لَا تُلْهِكُمْ

They say, “If we return to Medina, the honourable will definitely expel the inferior.” But all honour and power belongs to Allah, His Messenger, and the believers, yet the hypocrites do not know.

ٱلْمُنَٰفِقِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨﴾ يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ لَا تُلْهِكُمْ
أَمْوَٰلُكُمْ وَلَآ أَوْلَٰدُكُمْ عَن ذِكْرِ ٱللَّهِ ۚ وَمَن يَفْعَلْ
ذَٰلِكَ فَأُو۟لَٰٓئِكَ هُمُ ٱلْخَٰسِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾ وَأَنفِقُوا۟ مِن مَّا رَزَقْنَٰكُم

O believers! Do not let your wealth or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. For whoever does so, it is they who are the true losers.



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مِّن قَبْلِ أَن يَأْتِىَ أَحَدَكُمُ ٱلْمَوْتُ فَيَقُولَ رَبِّ لَوْلَآ أَخَّرْتَنِىٓ
إِلَىٰٓ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ فَأَصَّدَّقَ وَأَكُن مِّنَ ٱلصَّٰلِحِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَلَن

And donate from what We have provided for you before death comes to one of you, and you cry, “My Lord! If only You delayed me for a short while, I would give in charity and be one of the righteous.”

إِلَىٰٓ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ فَأَصَّدَّقَ وَأَكُن مِّنَ ٱلصَّٰلِحِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَلَن
يُؤَخِّرَ ٱللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِذَا جَآءَ أَجَلُهَا ۚ وَٱللَّهُ خَبِيرٌۢ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١١﴾

But Allah never delays a soul when its appointed time comes. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

EXERCISES

Remembering

1. What is the meaning of the word "Munafiqun"?
2. How does Surah Al-Munafiqun describe the behavior of hypocrites?
3. In which Surah number and part (Juz') of the Qur'an is Surah Al-Munafiqun found?

Understanding

1. Why do the hypocrites claim faith with their tongues but act otherwise in their hearts?
2. What is the significance of Allah knowing what is in the hearts of people, as mentioned in the Surah?
3. How does the Surah differentiate between the outward actions of hypocrites and their inner intentions?

Applying

1. How can you identify and avoid hypocrisy in your own actions and speech?
2. What lessons from Surah Al-Munafiqun can you apply to build sincerity in your daily life?
3. Can you think of a time when someone's actions contradicted their words? How can the teachings of this Surah guide us in such situations?

Analyzing

1. What are the characteristics of hypocrisy as described in the Surah, and how do they impact society?
2. Why is hypocrisy considered dangerous for the Muslim community, based on the verses?
3. Compare the descriptions of hypocrites in Surah Al-Munafiqun with those in other parts of the Qur'an. What similarities and differences do you notice?

Evaluating

1. Why is sincerity valued so highly in Islam, as emphasized in this Surah?
2. Do you think it is harder to recognize hypocrisy in yourself or in others? Why?
3. How effective are the warnings in Surah Al-Munafiqun in encouraging believers to reflect on their own behavior?

Creating

1. Write a short story or dialogue illustrating the harm hypocrisy can cause in a community.
2. Design a personal checklist of actions to avoid hypocrisy in your daily interactions.
3. Create a visual poster or infographic summarizing the key lessons from Surah Al-Munafiqun for your peers.

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